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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: Theme

3. ANNOUNCER: Next week, on October second, third and fourth, to be

4. exact, the city of Elkins, West Virginia will hold its

5. Twelfth Annual Mountain State Forest Festival. Elkins, you know, is

6. the headquarters town of the scenic Monongahela National Forest and lies

7. within the area in which there are also many splendid State parks and

8. forests. As in the past, therefore, the Mountain State Forest Festival

9. will be staged against a superb natural background resplendent with the

10. gala colors of early Autumn. It is here that thousands of forest-conscious

11. people will participate in a program of appreciation for the services and

12. resources of the forests of their State. Dedicated essentially to forest

13. conservation, this unique forest festival will include elaborate pageantry,

14. colorful parades, and those interesting mountain-country contests and games.

15. Exhibits featuring the forest products and the scenic beauty for which

16. West Virginia is so famous, will fill the town. Uncle Sam's Forest

17. Rangers salute the folk of Elkins, West Virginia, on the eve of their

18. Twelfth Annual Mountain State Forest Festival. We wish them the same fine

19. success that has attended all of their forest celebrations in the past.

20. Now let's visit our friends on the Pine Cone National Forest. At the

21. Ranger Station, we find that Ranger Jim Robbins and his wife, Bess, with

22. assistant ranger Jerry Quick, and Jerry's sweetheart, Mary Halloway, like

23. the proverbial mailmen who take long walks on their days off, are getting

24. ready for a Sunday picnic in the forest. Here they are.....

25.

1. SOUND OF POTS AND PANS BEING PACKED

2. JIM: Jerry, looks like you got about everything but the kitchen
3. sink in that pack basket. You going to take the sink too?

4. JERRY: Aw, I haven't got so much here. Jim. Let's see, where's
5. what shortening?

6. BESS: You leave Jerry alone, Jim. I think it's grand the way
7. he's planned this whole meal and everything for us.

8. MARY: (LAUGHS) Whose idea was it to make Jerry Chief Cook and
9. bottle washer?

10. BESS: Why, the whole thing's Jerry's idea, Mary. The picnic, the
11. food, everything. And I think he's doing a fine job.

12. JERRY: Thanks, Mrs. Robbins. I can always count on you for some
13. kind words, thank heavens. Jim here, and yes, you too,
14. Mary are about the most belittlingest folks I've ever run
15. across. That're you grinning at, Mary?

16. MARY: (LAUGHING) I was just imagining how you'd look in a Chef's
17. oap, Jerry, that's all.

18. JERRY: Yeah? Well, I'd look a lot better than you do in that
19. funny looking new hat of yours. I don't think I've ever
20. seen a brighter red...and that...that two-foot pelican
21. feather you've got there would make a swell furniture
22. duster, I bet.

23. MARY: (ANGRY) Jerry, Quick, you make me so mad some times ... I...
24. I...I could.. well, I don't know what. This hat is a special
25. Swiss alpine design, And the feather is a pheasant tail
feather and not a pelican's...And besides.....

1. JIM: (BREAKING IN) I....I think we better get going if we want
 2. to get a cooking spot up at the Blue Lake Recreation Area.
 3. A lotta folks will be picnicking there today.
 4. BESS: Yes, indeed. Do you have everything, Jerry?
 5. JERRY: Huh?...Let's see now. No, by George, I nearly forgot the
 6. potatoes. Now where?
 7. BESS: They're in a sack near the pantry, Jerry.
 8. JERRY: I'll run and get them. (FADING) 'Scuse me, everybody.....
 9. MARY: Sometimes I don't know what I'm going to do with Jerry.
 10. BESS: Well, men never do appreciate women's hats.....I think your
 11. hat is lovely, Mary.
 12. MARY: But all I said was.....
 13. JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Say, did you folks see this picnic menu Jerry
 14. worked up for today? Here it is, sticking in the typewriter.
 15. MARY: Oh, let me see it, Mr. Robbins....M-m-m. Broiled steak on
 16. buns and home fried potatoes...with a few onion slices thrown
 17. in.....
 18. BESS: Yes, that's what he wanted the shortening for.....
 19. MARY: And lettuce and tomatoes, and punch and cookies and fruit.....
 20. Why, this is a meal fit for a king.
 21. BESS: Jerry told me it was the sort of meal he always prepared for
 22. the boys he used to take on canoe trips and overnight hikes
 23. when he worked in boys' camps during his school summers.....
 24. JIM: So that's what he wanted all this stuff for?
 25. MARY: Why, this doesn't seem so much to carry, Mr. Robbins. See,
 Jerry's packed everything so nicely.

1. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Kinda proud of that young fellow, aren't you,
2. Mary?
3. MARY: Well I...I....
4. BESS: Jim, you stop teasing Mary. Oh, here comes Jerry.
5. JERRY: (COMING ON) All right, folks. Now we're all set to go. Jim,
6. you want to carry these potatoes?
7. MARY: What can I carry, Jerry? I think everybody ought to carry
8. something.
9. JERRY: That won't be necessary, Mary. Jim and I can handle it all
10. easy enough...Say, you're not going to wear that new hat of
11. yours into the woods are you?
12. BESS: Now, Jerry.....
13. MARY: Please, Mrs. Robbins...(HEAVY) And why shouldn't I wear this
14. new hat of mine?
15. JERRY: Well, good gravy, Mary. It's just not the kind of rig to
16. wear into the woods, that's all. You'll be getting that
17. feather all tangled in things and.....
18. MARY: Jerry, if you don't want me to go along.....
19. JERRY: I didn't say that, Mary. It's that hat.....
20. MARY: Well, either this hat goes, or I don't.
21. JERRY: O.K., O.K., Suit yourself. But don't say I didn't warn you.
22. JIM: (OFF) Come on, come on, folks. The old family bus outside
23. is getting sorta impatient.
24. BESS: We're coming, Jim.
25. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES, FOOTSTEPS ON STAIRS

1. MARY: (SOTTO) Jerry, let's not quarrel. It's so nice today and
2. everything...

3. JERRY: (SOTTO) All right, Mary. (ALoud) Where do you and
4. Mrs. Robbins want to sit, Jim?

5. JIM: Suppose you drive, Jerry. Bess and I will hold down the
6. back seat.

7. JERRY: Suits me. All right, Mary. (CAR DOOR OPENS) In with you.
8. There.....CAR DOOR SLAMS SHUT

9. MARY: (SLIGHTLY OFF) Open the door. Open the door. Hurry.

10. JERRY: Good gravy, what have I done now?

11. BESS: It's Mary's hat, Jerry. The feather's stuck in the door.

12. JIM: Here, I got it. (DOOR OPENS) There, Mary. See? The
13. feather's not bent much.

14. MARY: (ANGRY) Jerry Quick, you did that on purpose.

15. JERRY: No, I didn't, Mary...Oh, let's go....(CAR DOOR SLAMS SHUT)
16. CAR MOTOR STARTS UP - CAR PULLS OFF FADING OUT

17. PAUSE

18. CAR MOTOR FADES IN, SUSTAIN

19. JIM: Pull into the parking area over there, Jerry. We'll walk
20. up the trail to that last picnic area.

21. JERRY: Yeah, that's a swell spot, Jim. (CAR SLOWS DOWN, STOPS,
22. DOORS OPEN) All right, here we are. Everybody out...Let me
23. help you, Mary.

24. MARY: Never mind, thank you. I'd rather not get this feather
25. caught in the door again.

1. CAR DOOR CLOSES

2. BESS: Jim, look. Look up there. What in the world is that big
3. bird.

4. JIM: It's a hawk, Bess. Big fellow, all right. Flying low, too.

5. JERRY: Say, he is flying low, isn't he? Boy, look at him. He's
6. sure coming fast.

7. JIM: Better duck, Mary. Duck your head. Maybe he's after that
8. hat of yours.

9. MARY: Oh, my goodness, he is swooning down this way!

10. BESS: No, there he goes.

11. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Looked for a minute like he was gonna make a dive
12. for that hat of yours, Mary.

13. BESS: Now, Jim.....

14. JERRY: Mary, for the last time. Will you please leave that hat in
15. the car? No telling what'll happen next if you keep that
16. doggoned hat on top of your head.

17. MARY: Maybe you'd like me to stay in the car, too?

18. JERRY: Oh, what's the use? All right, let's go. There's potatoes
19. got to be peeled and everything. (GOING OFF) I'll lead the
20. way.

21. JIM: (LAUGHS) I'm sure glad hunting season is still a month or
22. so off, Mary.

23. MARY: What do you mean, Mr. Robbins?

24. JIM: Somebody might mistake that hat for a pheasant and take a
25. shot at it.

1. BESS: Don't mind him, Mary. Come on, Jim. We'd better hurry if
 2. we want to catch up with Jerry.
 3. MARY: I'm coming, Mrs. Rob.....Oh!
 4. BESS: What's the matter?
 5. MARY: My hat's caught on a branch...There, it's loose now....
 6. (WEAKLY) Mrs. Robbins....
 7. BESS: Yes, Mary?
 8. MARY: I...I guess I'd better take this hat off and carry it. (FADE)
 9. FADE IN SOUND OF POTS AND PANS BEING HANDLED AND PACKED
 10. BESS: Jerry, you certainly did yourself proud today. I declare,
 11. I don't believe I've ever enjoyed a meal as much as this
 12. one, today.
 13. JERRY: Aw, you all pitched in. And it was simple. If the butcher
 14. hadn't given me such a good cut of meat, the steak wouldn't
 15. have tasted as good as it did.
 16. JIM: I agree with Bess, Jerry. You needn't be so modest about it.
 17. What do you think about, it, Mary?
 18. MARY: Oh, it was fine. And those potatoes...those potatoes were
 19. the best I've ever eaten, Jerry.
 20. JERRY: Gee, thanks Mary. Well, I guess we better get going, huh?
 21. It's getting kind of late.
 22. MARY: Just as soon as I get my hat, Jerry.
 23. JERRY: Where'd you put it, Mary? I'll get it.
 24. MARY: Over there on that big rock.
 25. JERRY: I see it (GOING OFF) Be back in a jiffy.

1. BESS: You know, Mary? Even though Jerry won't admit it I think
2. he likes your new hat. He hasn't...

3. JERRY: (OFF) Hey, come here. Everybody.

4. MARY: Oh! My hat! Something's happened to my hat!

5. JIM: Well, let's go and see....What's the matter, Jerry....

6. JERRY: Look! Now what do you think of that?

7. JIM: I don't see anything wrong. There's the hat, on the rock.

8. MARY: The feather! The feather's gone...

9. JIM: Say, that's right.

10. BESS: Jerry, you shouldn't do that. Where's the feather?

11. JERRY: I didn't do anything, Mrs. Robbins. Good gravy,, you
12. ought to know I wouldn't do a thing like that.

13. JIM: (LAUGHING) Well, I'll be jiggered. Look there, everybody.
14. See, over there? That pile of twigs and leaves and branches?

15. JERRY: A pack rat's nest, that's what it is. And that's where your
16. feather is, Mary. A packrat made off with it.

17. BESS: And look at this. Here, behind your hat, Mary. It's
18. another feather....a small blue feather.

19. JIM: Yep. A blue jay's feather. Well, that's what a pack rat
20. usually does. Runs off with something and leaves something
21. in its place.

22. MARY: Let me have that feather, Mrs. Robbins. I'll just put it on
23. this hat of mine if that's what Mr. Pack Rat wants...So.
24. There'. Now, how does that look, Jerry?

25. BESS: Mary, I think it's....

1. MARY: No, I want Jerry to tell me. Do you like my hat now, Jerry,
2. with this little feather on it instead of the other?

3. JERRY: (EARNESTLY) Mary, believe me. That's the prettiest hat
4. you've ever had on!

5. ALL LAUGH FADING OUT

6. MUSICAL FINALE

7. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers come to you each Friday over the
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